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Mr. William Allen Harper
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Dear Mr. Harper:

I have just returned from a week's stay in Dallas during which, I am sorry to say, I was unable to get in touch with you. I did manage to speak with your Uncle, Dr. Jack Harper, however, concerning the fragment of skull which you found in Dealy Plaza in November of 1963.

I am engaged in serious academic research concerning the gunshot wounds received by President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963. I am doing pure research and do not seek financial gain, nor am I even writing a book on the subject, although I do expect some day to put together a monograph for publication in a professional or scientific journal.

In this regard I would like very much to photograph you standing at the spot where you found the skull fragment in Dealy Plaza. While I realize that such a request involves a great imposition on you I can think of no simple substitute for the information which would be provided by such photographs. The makking of a map or chart would be far more susceptable to error and of little value given the absence of landmarks in the area where the fragment was found. Once such photos were taken, I would be glad to furnish copies of them to any serious researcher at cost who contacted you and made a similar request. Thus you would have to do this only once, and in so doing could help clarify this small but not unimportant detail.

If you would be willing to agree to such a request, perhaps it would be possible for some friends of mine in Dallas to arrange a time to meet with you and take such photos. I am afraid that it does not look like I will be able to return to Dallas for quite some time.

I hope that you will find time to consider both this letter and my request. I await your reply.

Sincerely,

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